

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Masses and ceremonies are broadcast live on Facebook (www.facebook.com/stcolmans)

Sunday masses

All Saints, Ballela: 9.45 am

St Colman's, Dromore: 11.00 am

Weekday masses

Tues – 9.30am – St Colman's

Thurs – 7.00pm – All Saints, Ballela **NO MASS**

Fri – 9.30am – St Colmans

Sat – 10am Mass, & Exposition – St Colmans

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 4: None

Sun 11: John McAnarney
John Fegan

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 4: Anne & Joe Mulgrew

Sun 11: None

Offertory promise Collection - £994.11

Grow in Love

Will take place next Sunday 11th February in both churches.

Tea & Chat will be held in St Colmans Hall next Sun 11th February after 11am mass. Everyone welcome.

Ash Wednesday – 14th February

We commence the season of Lent next week – how time flies! So let's begin to think what aspects of our life will we change as we turn away from sin and return to the Lord.

Lourdes Pilgrim 2024

We are pleased to be able to return to Lourdes this year with our assisted pilgrims from the **17th-22nd May**. Applications are now being considered. Please contact any committee member if interested in travelling as an assisted pilgrim to stay in the Accueil (hospital accommodation) Places are also available to travel as a pilgrim cost will be £795. Applications for nurses to travel are also being considered. Please contact Joseph Doyle 07751374310 for further information.

4th February 2024

Ballela G.A.C.

Registration Morning and Breakfast

Sun 25th February from 10.30am in All Saints School.

Young at Heart Group Annaclone- over 55's

Free - Yoga **Mon 5th Feb 7pm** Annaclone PS and

Free- Armchair Yoga **Wed 7th Feb 10.30am** in Parish rooms located beside the church.

Trip to Sister Act, Newry town hall, Wed 6th March 7.30pm. Coach provided - give your name to Ann Tumilty (07759319619) now to reserve ticket.

Living the Liturgy

The Second Vatican Council set out its aims in the Constitution on the Liturgy, its first document: "it desires to impart an ever increasing vigour to the Christian life of the faithful; to adapt more suitably to the needs of our own times those institutions which are subject to change; to foster whatever can promote union among all who believe in Christ; to strengthen whatever can help to call the whole of mankind into the household of the Church."

Pope Francis asks us recently, "How do we recover the capacity to live completely the liturgical action?" and sees it as a challenge because modern people have, to varying extents, have lost the capacity to engage with symbolic action, which is an essential part of the liturgical act. We have lost our sense of reference – to value systems, to cultural roots, to community belonging, even to a sense of reality! Think of our constant concern of 'fake' this and that. The use of symbols in our sacramental actions roots us in the concrete world and opens us to encounter the divine. Lent is suffused with such symbolic action.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive the ashes which are an ancient sign of the human condition of the sinner. It expresses our guilt before God in an exterior manner and by doing so, signals our interior commitment to conversion, fired by the confident hope of the Lord's mercy to enkindle the fire of Easter life within us once more. As a day of fasting and abstinence, we physically feel our hunger to what will truly nourish life and holiness within us. As in all sacramental action, the symbols link our outward living with the inner reality of communion with God.

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